Education.—With the strengthening of the staff of Inspectors according to the orders on the Special Finance Committee Report, with the special grant proposed to be made to the St. Thomas' College, with the increased provisions under 'Grants-in-aid', with the provision of Rs. 6,000 towards the annual recurring donation to the Benares Hindu University and the special provisions for opening new classes and divisions, not to speak of the general revision of pay, the expenditure on 'Education' is expected to exceed the revised estimate of Rs. 13,66,800 by Rs. 1,15,400.

Medical.—The steady growth of expenditure under the head, which I have had occasion to refer to in my retrospect, is fairly well-maintained for the coming year as well, the budget estimate being fixed at Rs. 3,74,500, *i. e.*, Rs. 46,900 more than the revised estimate for the current year. Larger staff of nurses and surgeons to meet the growing demands, larger provision made for the supply of medicines and instruments (including those for the X-Ray department), the continuance of the stipends for higher medical studies in and out of India, the expansion of the scheme of subsidised rural dispensaries and the increased grants to them are some of the main items that go to contribute to the enhanced expenditure under the head. The construction of the Leper Asylum buildings has almost neared completion, and it is proposed to open them early next year. The usual provisions alone have been made under the head now though the Government may have to transfer or supplement them when the actual working of the new asylum is started.

Sanitation and Conservancy.— When presenting the budget estimate last year I observed 'Government have been considering whether it would not be a step in the right direction, if the maintenance of the trunk roads be taken ovee by the State Public Works Department instead of burdening the Municipalities with the expenditure therefore, and they have now decided to take them over'. The step proposed has not, however, been fully relished by the Municipalities, and representations have been made by them. Government are carefully reviewing the situation in the light of the representations made, and meanwhile they have budgetted for a more vigorous programme of works in the several towns and Municipalities by making an increased provision of Rs. 58,000 as against Rs. 31,050 in the revised estimate. Kunnamkulam and Irinjalakkuda are proposed to be treated as Municipalities, and steps are being taken in the direction. A lump provision of Rs. 5,000 is made to meet the preliminary expenses in this connection.

Passing on, I now come to '**Public Works**', under which has been made a provision of Rs. 18,17,400—the details of which

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